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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Letter dated 3 February 1995 from the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development to the President of the Economic and Social Council

In conjunction with the resolution entitled "Tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond", adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session under agenda item 4 (Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action), I have the honour to submit to you, on behalf of the Bureau of the Commission, the resolution as revised by the Commission (see annex).

The open-ended Working Group on Youth, established by the Commission under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdel Gaffar Eldeeb of Egypt, achieved progress in fulfilling its mandate as given by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 10 of resolution 1993/24. The Working Group submitted to the Commission the Chairman's report, which also contained the revised text of the draft programme of action.

Given the urgent need to complete the remaining part of the draft programme of action, which has yet to be given its first reading by the Working Group, and to prepare the final draft, the Commission reached an understanding that instead of holding a resumed thirty-fourth session, it would recommend that the Economic and Social Council authorize the open-ended Working Group on Youth, established by the Commission in accordance with Council resolution 1993/24, to continue its work to formulate a final draft programme of action for submission to the

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Council at a resumed substantive session in September 1995 and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session (see paras. 2 and 3 of the resolution annexed hereto). This course of action would avoid additional financial implications.

Further, I would recall that in resolution 49/152 the General Assembly decided to devote four plenary meetings to the fiftieth session, which are tentatively scheduled for 26 and 27 October 1995, to consider the final draft programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, with a view to adopting it. In the same resolution, Member States were invited to participate in those plenary meetings at a high political level.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring this matter and the annexed resolution to the attention of the Council, and to authorize the Commission's Working Group on Youth to undertake informal consultations during the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in order to prepare for holding open-ended pre-sessional consultations in New York prior to the resumed substantive session of the Council in September 1995. This, I believe, would enable it to fulfil its mandate and to submit the final draft to the Council at its resumed substantive session and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

(Signed) Susanto SUTOYO
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Chairman, Commission for
Social Development

Annex

Tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/103 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly decided, inter alia, to devote a plenary meeting at its fiftieth session to youth questions, as 1995 marked the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 47/85 of 16 December 1992, in which the Assembly emphasized the need for the preparation of a world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, with a target orientation and within a specific time-frame,

Bearing in mind that, in resolution 49/152, the General Assembly:

(a) Requested the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session to consider further the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, as a matter of priority, and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

(b) Decided to devote up to four plenary meetings at its fiftieth session to mark the anniversary of International Youth Year and to consider the world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond with a view to adopting it,

(c) Invited Member States to participate in the plenary meetings at a high political level and requested the Secretary-General to schedule those meetings as close as possible to 24 October 1995 to facilitate such participation,

(d) Decided to designate, in 1995, an international youth day at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly,

Mindful that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1993/24, called upon the Commission for Social Development to give priority at its thirty-fourth session to the refinement of the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, and to establish an ad hoc informal open-ended working group on youth for this purpose, with a view to formulating a final draft to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council in 1995 and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1993/24 requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the United Nations statement of intent on youth, which could become an integral part of the world programme of action for youth,

Having considered the report of the Chairman of the open-ended Working Group on Youth established by the Commission at its thirty-fourth session to

formulate a final draft of the world programme of action for youth, to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995 and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

Aware of the need for an extended time-frame in the light of the conditions and considerations set out in the report of the Working Group,

Recognizing the urgency of formulating the final draft of the world programme of action for youth to be considered by the General Assembly at high-level meetings at its fiftieth session, with a view to adopting it, in conformity with its resolution 49/152,

1. Recognizes the important work that the open-ended Working Group on Youth has done in revising the draft programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, in spite of the delay in the availability of the relevant document, which made it impossible for the Working Group to complete its work;

2. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session, authorize the open-ended Working Group on Youth to complete the formulation of the draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond, building upon the progress made by the open-ended Working Group during the thirty-fourth session of the Commission;

3. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council authorize, for that purpose, the open-ended Working Group on Youth to undertake informal consultations on the formulation of the final draft of the world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond for submission to the Council at its resumed substantive session of 1995;

4. Encourages the open-ended Working Group to incorporate in the final draft of the programme of action the main elements of the internationally agreed issues regarding youth as set out in the final documents of the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to schedule the high-level plenary meetings of the Assembly, as decided by the Assembly in its resolution 49/152, to take place following the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council;

6. Invites Member States that have not yet done so, to submit their national reports to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

7. Decides to consider the follow-up of the world programme of action for youth at its thirty-fifth session.